

In Bloomington, Indiana on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 6:30pm, Council President Stephen Volan presided over a Regular Session of the Common Council. Per the Governor's Executive Orders, this meeting was conducted electronically.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
June 17, 2020

Councilmembers present via teleconference: Matt Flaherty, Isabel Piedmont-Smith, Dave Rollo, Kate Rosenbarger, Susan Sandberg, Sue Sgambelluri, Jim Sims, Ron Smith, Stephen Volan
Councilmembers absent: none

ROLL CALL [6:31pm]

Council President Volan summarized the agenda.

AGENDA SUMMATION

There were no minutes for approval.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rollo discussed continued Zoom usage when the council returned to in-person sessions, economic inequalities, and political polarity.

REPORTS

- COUNCIL MEMBERS

Sims discussed the continuation of Zoom usage, the usage of American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters, discrimination and an upcoming Public Safety Committee meeting.

Piedmont-Smith announced that the Bloomington Black Lives Matter movement was holding a Juneteenth celebration on June 19, 2020.

Volan thanked the Public Safety Committee and his preference to continue using Zoom in the future.

Mayor John Hamilton gave an update on the public health emergency, opening public buildings, IU students returning, new community rules, and city projects.

- The MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES

Beverly Calendar-Anderson, Director of Community and Family Resources Department, gave an update on the COVID-19 Social Services Working Group projects which included emergency food provisions, childcare, isolation shelter for persons experiencing homelessness, and personal health and safety.

There were no council committee reports.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Greg Alexander talked about economic disparities, systemic discrimination, and inequalities.

- PUBLIC

Randy Paul hoped the council would continue using Zoom in the future.

Jim Shelton asked the council and administration to continue to use the Zoom in the future.

There were no appointments to boards or commissions.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTIONS

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 20-11 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Chief Deputy Clerk Sofia McDowell read the legislation by title and synopsis, giving the committee do-pass recommendation of 9-0-0.

Ordinance 20-11 An ordinance recommending that portions of the Bloomington Municipal Code be temporarily suspended due to the ongoing public health emergency.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 20-11 be adopted.

Ordinance 20-11 (cont'd)

Alex Crowley, Director of Economic and Sustainable Development, presented the legislation to the council. Crowley discussed easing signage regulations to help businesses transition into opening while following safety requirements due to COVID-19. Crowley also discussed temporarily closing portions of Kirkwood Avenue to traffic to expand available seating in public areas.

There was council discussion related to location, capacity, revenue, car accessibility, and the length of time of the program.

Council discussion:

Greg Alexander spoke in favor of the legislation.

Public comment:

Jim Shelton expressed his support for the proposed legislation.

There was additional council comment.

Council comments:

The motion to adopt Ordinance 20-11 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Ordinance 20-11
[7:41pm]

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Resolution 20-09 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Chief Deputy Clerk McDowell read the legislation by title and synopsis, giving the committee do-pass recommendation of 9-0-0.

Resolution 20-09 - Authorizing the allocation of the Jack Hopkins Social Services Program Funds for the year 2020 and related matters.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Resolution 20-09 be adopted.

Sandberg presented Resolution 20-09 on behalf of the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee. Sandberg said that funding allocations were divided based on the COVID-19 pandemic. Sandberg stated that the primary focus of the committee was food, shelter, and healthcare.

There was no council discussion.

Council discussion:

Carole Canfield opposed the legislation.

Public comment:

Chris Connell opposed the legislation.

There was additional council comment.

Council comment:

The motion to adopt Resolution 20-09 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote to adopt Resolution 20-09
[8:03pm]

There was no legislation for first reading.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST
READING

There was no additional public comment.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMEN

Lucas reviewed the upcoming council schedule.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

Sgambelluri moved and it was seconded to adjourn. The motion was approved by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT [8:05pm]

APPROVED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this 16th day of DECEMBER, [Year].

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Stephen Volan, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council



Nicole Bolden, CLERK
City of Bloomington